

forming osteitis of Paget is beautifully depicted. The condensing and rarifying varieties can also be separated.

The deformities of gouty and rheumatic arthritides can be distinctly perceived and differences noted. In the application to the thorax we find an omission of thoracic aneurisms and their differentiation from new growths of the mediastinum.

The various surgical applications have their due consideration, and the value of this method of diagnosis receives in this book a substantial confirmation.

The student will find it a work that is of great value to him in gaining the requisite knowledge of the technique of this method of diagnosis.

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VERMISCHTE AUFSÄTZE. (V. Heft der Neurologischen Beiträge), von P. J. Möbius, Leipzig. Johann Ambrosius Barth, 1898, pp. 173.

As indicated in the title, this is the fifth volume of neurological fragments that have come from the author's pen. As stated in the preface, the others have had their readers, if not many, still appreciative ones, and the writer hopes that this new volume may have as fortunate a fate. That it will, we can have little doubt, both from the suggestiveness of much that it contains and from the variety of its subject-matter.

Some of the topics discussed are: The Classification of Diseases; Hemihypertrophy; The Treatment of Persons with Nervous Disease, and the Arrangement of Institutions; Short Sketch of a Monastery; Remarks Concerning Priority; The Causes of Diseases; Concerning Smoking; In Memoriam, J. M. Charcot; and many other sketches of varied character.

In all this variety there is something of interest to everyone. Facts of daily life and of medical import are regarded from the point of view of the philosopher, and as philosophical reflections the author no doubt intends his essays to be judged. Considering the necessity that most of us are under to spend our time and mental effort in the grasping of multitudinous facts, it is a relief, at times, to read something in the general field of medicine, of more literary pretensions. Möbius' book affords a certain satisfaction to this want, and to those who wish to vary their professional reading with the semi-scientific essay, we do not hesitate cordially to recommend this collection.

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JAHRESBERICHT ÜBER DIE LEISTUNGEN UND FORTSCHRITTE AUF DEM GEBEITE DER NEUROLOGIE UND PSYCHIATRIE. Herausgegeben von Dr. E. Flatau und Dr. L. Jacobsohn in Berlin, Redigiert von Professor Dr. E. Mendel in Berlin. Erster Jahrgang. Bericht über das Jahr 1897. Verlag von S. Karger, Berlin, 1898. 30 marks.

There is probably no domain of the medical sciences that needs a more painstaking and thorough research than that of neurology, and of late years the workers in this chosen field have been more than usually active. Thus a positive necessity has arisen for some sort of a general reference work of wider scope and better classification than was afforded by the standard journals in the French, German, Italian and English languages. When it is borne in mind that there are at least 60 journals alone devoted to the study of neurology and psychiatry and its related branches, it is evident that a "Jahresbericht" has become a crying need. S. Karger, of Berlin, has furnished us with this volume, and medical science in general, and neurological

science in particular, will be greatly benefited. The work is ably edited by workers whose zeal and knowledge have been commensurate with the prodigious task, and the results are more than gratifying in a volume of 1,600 pages.

The arrangement and classification of titles and abstracts is about as follows: About 1,100 pages are devoted to Neurology, although the lines are not drawn overstrict, and the remaining 500 to Psychiatry. The general microscopical technic of the examination of the nervous system is first taken up. Then follow, Anatomy of the Nervous System; Physiology, both general and special; Pathological Anatomy of the Nerve Cells and Fibers of the Peripheral and the Central Nervous System; the general pathology of the nervous system is treated of under the following heads: General Symptomatology, Etiology, Diagnosis, etc.; Diseases of the Spinal Cord; Diseases of the Cerebrum and Cerebellum, the Pons and the Medulla; Diseases of the Peripheral Nerves, and Functional Diseases. Part 6 deals with the Therapy of the Nervous System. Under the general heading of Psychiatry are found: Psychology, General Etiology, Symptomatology, and Diagnosis of Mental Disease, special portion, which treats the several types of mental diseases consecutively: Criminal Anthropology, Forensic Medicine, and finally, the Therapeutics of Mental Diseases. The general works in neurology and psychiatry that have appeared throughout the year 1897 are reviewed at the close of the book, and a subject and name register close the volume.

We have for the undertaking nothing but unqualified praise both for the publishers and the collaborators. One single blemish that appears to the present writer is the absence of much work appearing from good workers, but which is published in obscure journals and in languages which are usually inaccessible to the majority of mankind. Most workers in neurology and psychiatry to whom this work would be of any value at all are fairly conversant with French, German and English, and articles appearing in these languages are easily obtained and referred to; whereas much of the Russian, Italian, Swedish, Hungarian, Greek and other work is lost absolutely unless presented by such a *Jahresbericht*. And we would suggest that greater attention be paid to the work which is harder to get at by the special worker and that the more readily accessible material be referred to by name only or by short abstract. It would appear ungracious to ask for any more than is presented in this volume, yet we believe that there is some value in the suggestion here brought forward.

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THE PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE OF MEDICINE, DESIGNED FOR THE USE OF PRACTITIONERS AND STUDENTS OF MEDICINE. By William Osler, M.D., Fellow of the Royal Society; Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, London; Professor of Medicine in the Johns Hopkins University and Physician in Chief to the Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore; formerly Professor of the Institute of Medicine, McGill University, Montreal; and Professor of Clinical Medicine in the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. Third edition, entirely revised and enlarged. New York: D. Appleton & Co.

The great popularity and wide-spread use of this most admirable treatise makes an extended discussion of its excellencies a work of supererogation. The present edition has been much enlarged and a great deal of valuable matter added. The following articles have been rewritten or are new: Vaccination, Beri-Beri, the Bubonic Plague, Cerebro-spinal Fever, Pneumonia, Malta Fever, Yellow Fever, Dengue, Influenza, Leprosy, Glandular Fever, the Gonorrhoeal Infection, Cancer